

Appl. No. 10/087,040
Amdt. dated November 20, 2003
Preliminary Amendment

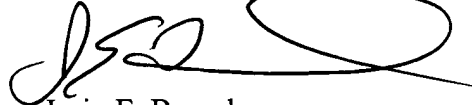
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REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Irvin E. Branch', written over a horizontal line.

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